

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Thomas Markson, et al.

Application No. 09/885,290

Filed: June 19, 2001

For: VIRTUAL STORAGE LAYER APPROACH FOR)
DYNAMICALLY ASSOCIATING COMPUTER)
STORAGE WITH PROCESSING HOSTS)Group Art Unit: 2157
Examiner: Gregory G. Todd

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P. O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Office Action With Amendment for the above-identified application.

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| Total Claims | 30 | 39 | 0 | \$50.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | 9 | 0 | \$200.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Multiple claims newly presented | | | | \$0.00 | |
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| TOTAL FEE DUE | | | | | \$0.00 |

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION WITH AMENDMENT

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on December 17,
2004.